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In the Claims:

(Previously Presented) A vehicle washing system comprising:

a) a coating application apparatus constructed and arranged to apply a coating

formulation onto a vehicle; and

b) a water sheet application apparatus constructed and arranged to apply a sheet of

water onto the coating formulation applied to the vehicle to create a coating solution and to

evenly disperse the coating formulation on the vehicle.

(Previously Presented) The vehicle washing system of claim 1, wherein said water

sheet application apparatus further includes a chemical injection device to inject a carnauba

wax emulsion into a water supply for said continuous sheet of water.

3. (Previously Presented) The vehicle washing system of claim 1, wherein said water

sheet application apparatus includes a tank structure, a water supply and a weir attached to

said tank structure.

4. (Original) The vehicle washing system of claim 3, wherein said water sheet application

apparatus further includes a water heater for providing to said tank structure water heated to a

range of approximately 100-150 °F (38-66 °C).

5. (Previously Presented) The vehicle washing system of claim 3, wherein said weir is

disposed at angle range between 15 and 20° with respect to a horizontal plane and wherein

said water sheet application apparatus dispenses between 5 to 15 gallons (18.9-56.8 liters) of

water per application.

6. (Previously Presented) The vehicle washing system of claim 1, wherein said water

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sheet application apparatus further includes a chemical injection device to inject a surfactant, a dye and an optical brightening agent into a water supply for said continuous sheet of water.

7. (Original) The vehicle washing system of claim 1, wherein said coating application

apparatus has a surface reactive silicone spray dispenser.

8. (Original) The vehicle washing system of claim 1, wherein said tank has opposing

sides and wherein a water inlet is disposed in each said side.

9. (Original) The vehicle washing system of claim 8, wherein a pipe extends between

said opposing sides within said tank and wherein said pipe has a plurality of slots spaced in

the bottom thereof.

10. (Original) The vehicle washing system of claim 9, wherein said tank has a trapezoidal

cross-sectional configuration.

11. (Previously Presented) A process for applying a coating on a vehicle comprising:

a) applying a liquid coating formulation onto a vehicle; and

b) applying a waterfall over the liquid coating formulation applied to the vehicle by

releasing the waterfall over the vehicle and allowing the waterfall to drop uninhibited to the

vehicle.

12. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11, further comprising injecting a

carnauba wax emulsion into said waterfall.

13. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 12, wherein said liquid coating

formulation is a surface reactive silicone formulation and wherein said liquid coating

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formulation is sprayed onto the vehicle and further comprising injecting a dye into said waterfall

- 14. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11, wherein said liquid coating formulation is heated and wherein said waterfall is applied at a temperature between approximately 100 and 150 °F (38-66 °C).
- (Original) The process of claim 11, further comprising washing, rinsing and drying the vehicle.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A vehicle washing system having a plurality of stations comprising:
- a) a liquid formulation dispensing station to apply a liquid formulation to a vehicle; and
- b) a waterfall dispensing station arranged over the vehicle and constructed and arranged to release a generally continuous sheet of water onto the vehicle, the generally continuous sheet of water falling freely onto the vehicle from a position immediately adjacent the waterfall dispensing station and over the vehicle.
- 17. (Original) The vehicle washing system of claim 16, wherein said liquid formulation dispensing station is in communication with a detergent source.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the water sheet application apparatus applies a continuous sheet of unheated water onto the coating applied to the vehicle.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein a lowermost portion of the water sheet application apparatus is arranged above vehicles onto which the water sheet is

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to be applied, and wherein the water sheet application apparatus applies a continuous sheet of water by dropping the water from a position above the vehicle, allowing the sheet of water to

fall freely onto the vehicle.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the water sheet

application apparatus includes a dispensing conduit arranged above the vehicle to drop water directly onto the vehicle to apply the continuous sheet of water onto the coating applied to the

vehicle.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the water sheet

application apparatus applies the sheet of water onto the coating formulation to create a

coating solution by mixing the sheet of water with the coating formulation.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the water sheet

application apparatus applies the sheet of water onto the coating formulation to create a

coating solution by causing the coating solution to dissolve.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein applying a waterfall over the

liquid coating formulation applied to the vehicle includes applying the waterfall to mix with

the liquid coating formulation and disperse the liquid coating formation on the vehicle.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the waterfall dispensing

station releases the generally continuous sheet of water onto the vehicle to mix with the liquid

formulation and disperse the liquid formation on the vehicle.

25. (Previously Presented) A vehicle wash system having a liquid sheet application

arrangement including

a liquid tank;

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a water supply to supply water to the tank;

a wax supply to supply wax to the liquid tank; and

wherein the liquid sheet application arrangement is adapted to apply a sheet of liquid solution including water and wax onto a vehicle beneath the liquid sheet application arrangement.

- 26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the liquid sheet application arrangement applies the sheet of liquid solution to create a coating solution with a coating material on the vehicle, and to disperse the coating material on the vehicle.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, further including a coating material application arrangement adapted to apply a coating material to the vehicle, prior to application of the sheet of liquid solution, wherein the liquid sheet application arrangement applies the sheet of liquid solution to create a coating solution with a coating material on the vehicle, and to disperse the coating material on the vehicle.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the liquid sheet application arrangement is adapted to apply a sheet of liquid solution including water and wax onto a vehicle beneath the liquid sheet application arrangement by releasing the sheet of liquid solution from a position above the entire vehicle, allowing the sheet of liquid solution to drop freely from the liquid sheet application arrangement to the vehicle via gravity.